GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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LEGAL STATUS TO STATE WELFARE BOARDS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Social Welfare Board was established to serve as an instrument for promoting programmes for welfare of women and children and to mitigate the neglect and suffering of socially and physically handicapped section of society;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken note of failure of Board's two-pronged strategy devised for creating and reinforcing nation wide network of NGOs and State Social Welfare Boards;

(c) whether persistent weakness in Central and State Welfare Boards have resulted in errant NGOs misusing fundsand no action has been taken agsinst such errant NGOs;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to grant legal status to State Welfare Boards; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA)

(a) The Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB) was established toserve as an intrument for promoting programmes for welfare of women and children and the socially disadvantaged.

(b) Since inception the Central Social Welfare Board along with the State Boards have been implementing programmesfor the welfare of women and children in partnership with NGO's. It is not correct to say that the Board has failed to fulfil its mandate.

(c),(d)&(e) No, Sir. The monitoring authority in the State Boardsconsist of a team of Field Officers posted in each State Board which submits reports on a regular basis with regard to the schemes being implemented through them. The errant NGOs under the CSWB are black-listed on receipt of adverse reports from the State Boards and no further grants are being sanctioned to them.

The CSWB is registered under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, and the State Boards are affiliated to it.